

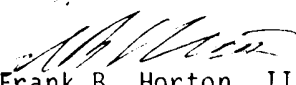
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I wholeheartedly endorse the action conveyed in the attached letter from John Bird, National Intelligence Officer for Warning. The NIO for Warning manages a small staff that serves as the focal point for coordinating warning activities of the Intelligence Community. People on John's staff must be highly trained, self-motivated, and ready to respond to contingency requirements, often on very short notice.

Lt. Col. Ed Ekmeyer is one whom John has come to rely on regularly for the support necessary to respond to intelligence requirements from senior officials of the U.S. Government. We continue to require the services of Lt. Col. Ekmeyer; his extension would be enthusiastically welcomed.


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